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HIGHWAY SAFETY AGENCY EMPLOYS AND HONORS VETERANS

~ Agency offers a range of services and opportunities for veterans ~

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles salutes Floridians who have served in America's armed forces this Veterans Day. The agency actively recruits veterans and has many ways for veterans to be recognized for their service all year long.

"On this Veterans Day, we thank Floridians who have served our country," said DHSMV Executive Director Julie L. Jones. "We are pleased to be involved with the community of veterans to help them and recognize them for the work they do and have done."

Recruiting Veterans – DHSMV is always looking for qualified candidates to fill its ranks. The Florida Highway Patrol is working with the Florida National Guard and visiting job fairs at military installations and other locations to let service members and veterans know about career opportunities. To find out more about openings with FHP, go to BeATrooper.com. For non-sworn jobs within the agency, visit [People First](http://PeopleFirst). Hundreds of veterans work for the agency and in the past two years, more than 200 employees who have been hired or promoted have claimed Veterans Preference on their job applications. In June, FHP received a prestigious award from the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve for demonstrating continued commitment to employees who serve in FHP and in the reserve forces.

"V" for Veteran on a Driver License or ID Card – Veterans with proof of honorable military service can get a veteran designation on their driver license. As of Nov. 1, nearly 79,000 Floridians have done so. For more on this designation, go to <http://www.flhsmv.gov/military.htm>.

Specialty License Plates for Branches of Service – Anyone can show support for veterans by purchasing one of seven specialty license plates for various branches of service. A portion of the funds from the plates goes to the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs. For more, go to <http://www.flhsmv.gov/Military.htm>.

Military Plates for Those Who Have Served – 17 plates are available for veterans to depict his or her specific military experience, such as Pearl Harbor Survivor, Ex-Prisoner of War, or Purple Heart Recipient. Applicants must supply certain documentation to qualify for these plates. For more, go to <http://www.flhsmv.gov/specialtytags/pmlpfaq.html#9>.

Military Deployment Assistance – If a Floridian is stationed outside of the state, the agency has customer service representatives who can help military members and their families anywhere in the world renew their licenses or obtain replacements, if needed. For more, go to <http://www.flhsmv.gov/military.htm>.

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Outreach at Florida Military Bases – DHSMV frequently offers driver safety education at military bases around the state. There are 20 military installations in Florida with nearly 43,000 active duty military personnel serving at those installations.

Additional information about benefits for veterans is available at www.FloridaVets.org.

The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles provides highway safety and security through excellence in service, education and enforcement. The Department is leading the way to a safer Florida through the efficient and professional execution of its core mission: the issuance of driver licenses, vehicle tags and titles and operation of the Florida Highway Patrol. To learn more about DHSMV and the services offered, visit www.flhsmv.gov, follow us on Twitter at [@FDHSMV](https://twitter.com/FDHSMV) or find us on Facebook.

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